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GLENDALE APPROVES \$350,000 TO FUND EIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale announces the approval of eight grants for the Fall 2008 cycle, totaling \$350,000 that will assist residents with improvements to their neighborhoods. The grant awards represent the 25th funding cycle since the program started in FY 1994-95.

During this time span, the City Council has provided more than \$8.6 million in neighborhood improvement grant funding to residents living in neighborhoods that are 15 years or older.

As part of its commitment to revitalizing and preserving older neighborhoods, the City Council established the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods to make funding recommendations on neighborhood improvement grant requests.

"The Neighborhood Improvement Grants Program provides an excellent opportunity for residents in older areas to proactively seek help from the city to improve their neighborhood," said Matt Cohrs, Neighborhood Partnership Administrator.

The Commission on Neighborhoods reviewed the following eight neighborhood grant requests, which were approved by the Mayor and City Council on Dec. 9:

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1. East Catlin Court Historic District – This neighborhood is located on the south side of Orangewood to the north side of Myrtle, from 55th to 57th avenues. The commission voted to recommend \$81,625 for the construction of a streetscape project that includes right-of-way landscaping improvements such as the installation of new pedestrian lighting and trees.
2. Floralcroft - This neighborhood is located west of 59th Avenue, north of Myrtle Avenue to the south side of State Avenue. The commission voted to recommend \$50,650 for the formal design of new pedestrian lighting throughout the neighborhood.
3. Sands West - This neighborhood is located from Caron Avenue north to Mission Avenue, 48th to 49th avenues. The commission voted to recommend \$31,500 to add several amenities to Mission Park, such as a shade structure, trees, and picnic tables.
4. Thunderbird Palms/Hickory Shadows - This neighborhood is located north of Columbine Road to Voltaire Avenue, 51st Avenue to the Paseo Canal. The commission voted to recommend \$63,666 to install new park equipment such as a playground shade structure, drinking fountain, resurfacing basketball court, and a ramada with tables, within Sunset Palms Park.
5. Arrowhead Ranch Phase II - This neighborhood is located north of Union Hills Road from 75th Avenue to Loop 101 (north and west sides). The commission voted to recommend \$27,335 to improve the existing landscaping along the west side of 75th Avenue from Union Hills Road to just south of Utopia Road. The project also includes the painting of the perimeter wall in the same area.
6. Arrowhead Lakes - This neighborhood is located north of Beardsley Road to Melinda Lane, from 51st to 59th avenues. The commission voted to recommend \$35,537 to improve the landscaping along the east side of 59th Avenue from Melinda Lane to just south of the Thunderbird Conservation Park.
7. Maryland Heights II - This neighborhood is located north of Maryland Avenue to McLellan Road, 45th to 46th avenues. The commission voted to recommend \$42,000 for various internal street drainage enhancements that will improve the current condition of the neighborhood's streets.
8. Emerald Point - This neighborhood is located from Missouri Avenue south to Georgia Avenue, 81st to 83rd avenues. The commission voted to recommend up to \$21,563 (contingent upon cost savings from other Fall 2008 grant projects) to improve one of the neighborhood's public retention basins on the east side of 83rd Avenue. If cost savings are not available, funding will be at \$17,687. The project also includes the painting of the perimeter subdivision wall in the same area.

For more information on this program, contact the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 or visit www.glendaleaz.com.

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